

STORY 10.

THE DUTY WE OWE TO OUR MOTHERS AS
UNDERSTOOD BY A MUSLIM.

BAYAZID BUSTAMI a famous Muslim saint attached so much importance to filial piety that he declared it to be the key to spiritual enlightenment. His own practice in this respect will be best illustrated by the following incident in his life. One night his mother asked for water. As there was no water in the pitcher he went to the canal, which flowed close by, to fetch it. While he was away for the water his mother fell asleep. Instead of waking her up he stood waiting with the full pitcher in his hand till she should awake of herself.

At last she awoke, and asked for water. But when he wished to give it to her he found that the water was frozen and the handle of the pitcher had stuck fast to his hand.

"Why" said his mother "did you not put the pitcher down?" He answered. "Because I feared that I might not be ready in time when you asked for water."

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Paradise lies under the feet of your mothers,

STORY 11.

A MUSLIM'S WORD MUST BE KEPT.

ISLAMIC DISCIPLINE.

THERE was constant warfare between the Muslims and the unbelieving Quresh. Such Muslims as were still at Mecca the head quarters of the Quresh were not allowed to migrate to Medina for that would add to the strength of the Prophet. One of these Muslims was (Hazrat) Abu Jundal. He was very anxious to proceed to Medina to avoid the persecution to which the Muslims were subjected at Mecca. The Quresh knew of his intention and consequently had put fetters on his feet. When the treaty of Hundaibia was being drawn up between the Prophet and the Quresh (Hazrat) Abu Jundal somehow or other dragged himself to the place and threw himself on the ground in the presence of his brother Muslims.

One of the proposed terms of the treaty was that if a Muslim escaped to Medina from Mecca he must be handed back to the Meccans.

When the Prophet's eye fell on (Hazrat) Abu Jundal he thought that as the treaty had not yet been ratified he might allow (Hazrat) Abu Jundal to stay with the Muslims and proceed with them to Medina, and he expressed himself accordingly. Upon this Abu Jahl that arch-enemy of Islam exclaimed " (Hazrat) Abu Jundal shall be the first